

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1069

**Introduced by Committee on Agriculture (Matthews (Chair),
Maldonado (Vice Chair), Berg, Cogdill, Maddox, Maze,
Oropeza, Parra, Reyes, Salinas, Vargas, and Wiggins)**

February 20, 2003

An act to amend Section 27553 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to eggs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1069, as introduced, Committee on Agriculture. Eggs.

Existing law provides that the Secretary of Food and Agriculture may adopt regulations relating to the preparation for market and marketing of shell eggs, including procedures for the collection of assessments. The secretary may prescribe the frequency of payment, procedure for payment, and penalties for late payment of assessments. Existing law requires that the initial purchaser of eggs from out-of-state shall report and pay to the director a maximum assessment fee of five cents (\$0.05) for each 30 dozens of eggs, which shall be deposited into the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund and used only for the administration and enforcement of provisions relating to shell eggs.

This bill would provide that an assessment for eggs from out-of-state for which the required payment has not been made by the date established by the department shall be triple the amount otherwise due.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27553 of the Food and Agricultural
2 Code is amended to read:
3 27553. The ~~director~~ *secretary* may, by regulation, prescribe
4 the frequency of payment of ~~such~~ assessments, the procedures for
5 ~~such~~ payment, the procedures for refunds of payment, and
6 penalties for late payment. *However, assessments for any eggs*
7 *from out-of-state for which the required payment has not been*
8 *made by the date established by the department shall be triple the*
9 *amount otherwise due.*

